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Recommendations of the Madras Handloom Committee regarding 40s yarn.

* 31 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what action was taken by the State Government on the recommendation of the Madras Handloom Committee that 40s yarn produced out of the less costly Indian cotton alone should be supplied to the handloom industry instead of the costly 40s special yarn alleged to have been produced with admixture of foreign cotton? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government of India have been addressed endorsing the recommendation of the Handloom Committee in the matter."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" In view of the permission given to the mills to export yarn of coarse and medium counts including 40s spun out of Indian cotton, what arrangements have been made by the State Government to secure an adequate supply of coarse and medium counts of yarn including 40s spun out of Indian cotton for the handloom industry? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government are considering this subject. The subject is under correspondence."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Are the Government aware of the recent enhancement of the price of these varieties of yarn and, if so, what steps do they propose to take to reduce the price? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government are aware of the increase in price. They have had discussions with the officers of the Government of India and the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, on this subject. The matter is being looked into and I may be able to give the final position as it emerges in a few days."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is the enhancement in price a result of the discussions between the Government of Madras and the officers of the Government of India? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I think the hon. Member is aware that the fixation of price of yarn is entirely within the jurisdiction of the Government of India and not of the Madras Government."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" When do the State Government expect the decision of the Union Government regarding the reduction of yarn price? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I cannot definitely say. As soon as the Government of India decide, I presume they will let us know."

SRI A. J. ARUNACHALAM :—" May I know what the object of the mills or mill-owners is in producing particularly yarn of 40 counts out of foreign cotton? "

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have nothing to add to what I have already said."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" If the Government of India fix the price of yarn at a rate higher than what the handloom weavers of this State could afford to pay, will this Government protest against the action of the Government of India? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I have already said, we had discussions with the representatives of the Government of India and we have protested that our handloom weavers should not be subjected to this extra cost. The matter is being considered. Statistics have been asked for and we are collecting them."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" What action do the Government propose to take to avoid competition between the mill and the handloom industries? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice."

SRI S. JAYARAMA REDDIYAR :—" Are the Government aware that the prices of cotton in Tirunelveli district have gone below the floor price? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" When there is sufficient Indian cotton to spin 40 counts of yarn, why are the mills allowed to spin 40 counts of yarn with an admixture of foreign cotton? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member will admit that this is the policy of the Government of India and that the Madras Government have nothing to do with it."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister will take this House into confidence in the discussions he is having with the representatives of the Government of India? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As soon as final decisions are arrived at, I shall inform the House if any question is asked."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister take the help of any non-official Members of this House in his consultations? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" We have a High Power Committee on this subject and my Friend Sri Pragada Kotaiah is a member of that Committee. If any Member is willing to offer suggestions, he is welcome."

SRI A. J. ARUNACHALAM :—" May I request the Hon. Minister to see that instructions are issued to the mills to produce, at least hereafter, 40 counts yarn to the extent of the allotment to this State, out of Indian cotton? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I will communicate the request of the hon. Member to the Government of India."

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Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" My question was whether the Madras Government would take into confidence some non-official Members or the High Power Committee in their consultations with the Government of India."

The Hon Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The suggestion will be considered."

Entrusting the work of Prohibition to Police Department in Anantapur district.

* 32 Q.—Sri K. V. VEMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state whether the Government intend to entrust the work of Prohibition to the Police Department in Anantapur district?

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" The answer is in the negative."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, if the Government have entrusted this Prohibition work to the police department in any other district? " 8-45 a.m.

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" Yes. The districts are Coimbatore, Salem, North Arcot, Chittoor, Tanjore, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai, Guntur and Nellore."

Sri K. VEMA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not possible to entrust the working of Prohibition in Anantapur district to the police? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" The suggestion will be considered."

Sri MANJAYA SHETTY :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of entrusting the working of Prohibition in all the districts to the police? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" As I already said, the suggestion will be considered."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, the reasons that forced the Government to entrust the Prohibition work to the police in the districts which the Hon. Minister mentioned? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" It is a matter of administrative convenience."

Number of bus concerns in Nellore, Chittoor, etc., districts.

* 33 Q.—Sri K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the number of bus concerns in Nellore, Chittoor, North Arcot and Chingleput districts which—

(1) own over 30 per cent of buses in the districts, but below 75 per cent of the buses; and

(2) own over 75 per cent of buses in the districts and the number of buses owned by each category?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (1) and (2) There are no such bus concerns in any of these four districts."